One Star College System reached another milestone this spring with more than 62,000 students enrolling at its colleges for the spring semester, 25 percent more than last year.

As of Jan. 26, one week after classes began, LSCS reported a record 62,353 students in classes, nearly 13,000 more students than last year at the same time.

“Lone Star College System is one of the premiere college systems in the country,” said Dr. Richard Carpenter, chancellor. “This massive growth illustrates the confidence our community has in Lone Star College’s ability to provide an affordable and convenient option for educating this generation of students.”

Last spring the college system had enrolled 49,847 students and by comparison, at 62,353, this spring 12,506 more students are attending classes — representing an increase in student population of 25.08 percent. LSCS officials had projected 52,000 students for this semester.

With 62,353 credit students, and 20,000 more continuing education and online students, LSCS is the largest institution of higher education in the greater Houston area with nearly 85,000 students served. The college system is working to keep up with the massive growth. Through a 2008 bond referendum approved by the system’s voters,
How does the Lone Star College System compare with other community colleges of like size and organizational structure? Here’s how LSCS stacks up in nine critical areas.
LSCS PEER PERFORMANCE TRACKING

Categories for which Fall 2009 data are available

- Number of students served for credit classes
- The cost per credit hour is based on FT credit load of 12 hours, including all applicable fees.
- *Percentage of the budget expenditures dedicated to Administrative cost

Categories for which Fall 2008 is the most recent term that comparable data are available from IPEDS

- Students Served whose ethnicity fell under the US Census Bureau’s Classification of Minority Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (Black, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native)
- Derived by dividing total enrollments by total sections offered
- Students from Fall term that transferred to a four year institution the following Spring

Instructors Employed as Full-time Faculty

Data Source: IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) Peer Analysis System

* Nacub Expenditure Category
The Lone Star College System’s new Veterans Affairs Center is another exciting service that was added to the LSC-University Park complex in February.

“This is absolutely a world-class center,” said Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS chancellor.

LSCS has more than 1,700 student veterans attending its colleges, which ranks LSCS as the ninth in the nation in number of veterans enrolled.

The new center will provide a multitude of services for veteran students who attend LSCS, creating a one-stop shop for all veterans’ needs. Services will include financial guidance, disability services counseling, free tax assistance, “Veterans-Helping-Veterans” support groups, education benefits support, career counseling, and other services geared to the returning veteran.

“Our center was created to better assist our student veterans to become marketable and competitive in today’s ever-changing workforce,” said Dr. Carpenter.

Future services will include an assisted computer lab, workshops to specifically assist veterans, and an academic tutoring lab.

“Both the university partners and we at Lone Star College System look forward to providing the highest quality of education and support to our student veterans,” said Carpenter.

Renovation work for the new LSC-University Center at University Park – with new stairwells, hallways, modern high-tech classrooms and other amenities – will be complete before the fall, and university partners will be in place.

The LSC-University Center at Montgomery currently provides programs in more than 65 areas of concentration and plans call for the new university center to follow suit. Undergraduate and graduate degree programs currently are offered in areas such as business, computers, criminal justice, educational leadership, engineering, healthcare and nursing, liberal arts, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences and teacher education.

For more information about scheduling the conference center contact corporaterecollege@LoneStar.edu or call 281.296.STAR (7827).

VA CENTER FAST FACTS:
• Located at LSC-University Park
• Grand opening was in February
• Multitude of services for the LSCS student veterans
• Phone: 281.290.2922
**Answering the Call**

**EMERGENCY CARE DIRECTOR REAPS LASTING REWARDS**

It was a defining moment. An early evening phone call brought Javier DeLoza from a quiet off day with his family back to the adrenaline-charged environment of the emergency room. Ambulances were in route, the caller had said.

It was moments like this that helped Javier realize why he became an emergency care specialist in the first place. Today, at 37, he is director of emergency services at Northwest Medical Center and certain that the path he chose for his life years ago is the right one. He graduated from high school with only a sense about how to apply his talents. He was drawn to science. And he enjoyed working with people. During his first year of college he took a variety of courses. Quickly he realized that he wanted to help people in a hospital setting.

He enrolled at LSC-North Harris and put himself in the capable hands of Dean Steve Kolar and an outstanding faculty. He progressed through the Emergency Medical Services program and obtained a paramedic certification. Encouraged by instructors, he enrolled in the RN-Transition program and became a licensed registered nurse.

His education gave him a well-rounded understanding of health care. He realized that working in emergency care meant being a medical “jack of all trades,” proficient with a variety of skills. Today Javier is responsible for Northwest’s emergency center which treats more than 200 people a day.

“This is a ‘calling.’ It’s never been about how much money I make,” Javier said. “It’s about helping people.”

Lone Star College offers health care programs that can get you to work within two years. Other programs get you started. Some programs are offered at all LSC campuses; others are located at a single college. To view them all, visit LoneStar.edu/programs.

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**Record enrollment**

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expansion is ongoing throughout the college system to help accommodate more and more students each semester.

“Our board of trustees, as well as the voters in this community, saw the need as we did and approved the May 2008 bond referendum,” Carpenter said. “We are in the midst of expanding at all of our campuses to help handle this explosive growth.”

Every college in the system logged significant student enrollment growth for the spring.

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**Follow-up**

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Lone Star College System construction projects are up and running

Colleges throughout the Lone Star College System are in the process of various additions and facelifts thanks to the May 2008 bond referendum that was approved by voters.

The expansion of classroom space and other upgrades is timely as enrollment for LSCS continues to grow at lightning speed – including a record enrollment for Spring 2010 of more than 62,000 students, along with 20,000 additional students in continuing education and online courses.

Part of the overall expansion for LSCS included the January opening of LSC-University Park at SH 249 and Louetta Road.

“Fortunately for Lone Star College, a number of things have come together at the right time,” said Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS chancellor.

All five of the colleges within LSCS have broken ground on construction projects – all projects that were outlined as part of the 2008 referendum plan.

LSC-CyFair
At LSC-CyFair, a March 11 groundbreaking ceremony was held in celebration of plans to open a new Health Science Building and Student Services Building in Fall 2011.

The 53,000-square-foot health science building, slated for the north side of the LSC-CyFair campus, will house 15 classrooms, seven science labs, four computer labs and faculty office space. The 138,000-square-foot student services/academic instruction building planned for the south side of LSC-CyFair’s campus will house 44 classrooms, 10 computer labs, a lecture hall, and faculty and administrative offices. The student services area will provide additional new space for registration, financial aid, advising, counseling, bursar, testing and other student services.

Construction is already under way at LSC-CyFair on the northeast side of campus with an additional 500 parking spaces nearing completion. Plans call for another 600 spaces to be added to the southwest corner of campus by June.

In addition, LSC-CyFair recently purchased property on Clay Road near the intersection of Fry Road to build a new, full-service satellite campus to serve the southwest quadrant of LSC-CyFair’s service area.

LSC-Kingwood
At LSC-Kingwood, officials held an April 13 groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the construction of two new buildings: the Student Conference Center and the Musical Instructional Building.

The 61,400-square-foot Student Conference Center at LSC-Kingwood will encompass programs and activities that include the welcome center, advising, admission and registration, financial aid, cash management, business office, student activities office, student clubs and recreation, resource and multicultural center, career services, disability services, police, food services, campus bookstore, testing center, trio program and conference center. These services will be relocated from the existing Student Fine Arts Building.

The new Music Instructional Building, with 23,165 square feet, will include a dedicated facility for the Music Department. The department will move from its current location the Student Fine Arts Building. The new building will serve as a new gathering space on campus. It will house student practice rooms, rehearsal spaces, a music library, a piano/media computer lab, classrooms, a recital hall and faculty offices. In addition to the Music Department it will also serve as a home for the Cultural Center for the Musical Arts.

LSC-North Harris
Construction has begun on a number of projects at LSC-North Harris, including a new student services building, fine arts building expansion, applied technology building expansion, Greenspoint Center renovation and facade upgrade, academic building renovation and remodeling, Winship Building renovation, health professions building renovation, and later this year, the new Victory Center.

The new student services building, at 53,000 square feet, is a two-story facility consisting of offices and student support spaces located around a central atrium space. The building will house admissions, advising, business offices, financial aid, placement testing, and a new welcome center adjacent to an Internet cafe, and other support spaces.

The expansion of the fine arts building includes 16,779 square feet of additional space. Other expansions and renovations: applied technology building expansion, 14,353 square feet; academic building renovation, 97,000 square feet; Winship Building renovation, 11,000 square feet;...


**Construction projects**

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health professions building renovation, 48,000 square feet; and Greenspoint Center renovation, façade upgrade and parking.

LSC-North Harris recently closed a $1.8 million land purchase of 17 acres on the corner of Victory and Vogel streets located in the Aldine area near the Acres Homes and Inwood Forest communities. The college will use the acreage to build the new Victory Center, which will be an approximately 70,000 square-foot facility that will be a center for workforce and academic preparation, economic and community development, and a focal point for citizenship training for area residents.

**LSC-Montgomery**

During the next two years, LSC-Montgomery is poised for the most significant campus expansion in its history. Construction is well underway for

adding much-needed parking space in the form of a new parking garage.

Other expansion at LSC-Montgomery will include a 20,000 square foot music hall with a 175-seat recital hall, band and choir halls, and 13 practice rooms; a general academic center with 75,000 square feet, 40 classrooms, 27 faculty offices, a 100-seat tiered lecture hall, and a coffee bar and student lounge area; and a health science center, with 60,000 square feet, 30 classrooms and specialized labs, and 45 faculty offices.

In addition, the new state-of-the-art LSC-Conroe Center, located on FM 3083 North, will include a 67,000 square-foot building housing 2 general classrooms and 2 computer labs, 12 faculty offices, specialized biology, geology and physics labs, and an on-site bookstore, library, and testing center. In addition, another 16,000-square-foot industrial building will include welding, HVAC and machining programs, and two full-service bays for automotive and diesel tech programs, all with room for expansion.

**LSC-Tomball**

Collectively, there are three new projects that are currently in progress.

The first project is the Performing and Fine Arts Center, which is a 30,000 square foot multi-purpose, two-level, structural steel framed building designed as an instructional facility for training in theater and theatrical production. The building will include a 425-seat theater and stage with accouterments such as a green room, generous main lobby, props and scenery spaces, an orchestra pit, theatrical sound, and lighting and service support facilities. Exterior of the building is masonry, glass and a contemporary metal panel façade. The $12 million center will be located on the LSC-Tomball campus site oriented toward State Highway 249 to invite exposure and community involvement. Ground breaking took place in April with final completion scheduled for July 2011.

The 20,000 square foot Veterinary Technology Building addition will complement the existing Large Animal Facility in a rustic setting on the west side of the Tomball campus. The two-story, structural steel Vet Tech facility is designed to integrate standard veterinary technologies and practices while exploring new possibilities in veterinary science. The $5.9 million facility will house a 124 seat teaching lecture hall, 12 canine runs, reptile, avian and small mammal rooms, prep, surgery and teaching recovery rooms, administration rooms, a computer room, and locker room facilities. Exterior of the building is masonry and glass adjacent to the natural fauna of the area. Construction is slated to begin later this spring with completion scheduled for April 2011.

Last of the projects is the Health Sciences Building, a 60,000 square foot building that will be located at the Tomball Regional Medical Center complex. The facility will serve and elevate the medical vocation instruction in various areas such as surgical technology, occupational therapy, nursing, continuing education and pharmacy. The three-story, $17.5 million facility will house numerous classrooms, a library, occupational training spaces including a second floor residential training space, pharmacy tech lab, operating room, clean room, sterile room, soil room, nursing suite, CNA lab, and classroom and administrative offices. Two floors will initially be built; the third floor remains as shell space for future expansion. The structural steel framed building’s exterior is primarily masonry with glazed openings. Parking for approximately 300 vehicles will be provided. Opening is set for June 2011.

LSC-Willow Chase students moved to the new LSC-University Park that opened in January with spring classes. The former LSC-Willow Chase location encompassed about 50,000 square feet compared to the 103,000 square feet at LSC-University Park for these students, along with a connected parking garage with parking for approximately 3,000 cars.
Earn college credits in just a few weeks

Want to receive college credits in just a few short weeks? Take advantage of Lone Star College summer school courses. Last summer more than 30,000 students enrolled in hundreds of convenient courses offered at all LSCS locations. Registration is now underway so don’t delay.

The first summer session begins June 7 and the second session begins July 15. Students can register on campus, online at LoneStar.edu or by phone at 281.591.6625.